

Need **Money** for College

Grants, Scholarships, Loans, and More



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If you need help planning or paying for college, start with the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE).

The MDHE provides FREE information to help students and their families prepare for college.

The MDHE partners with postsecondary schools, lenders, and student loan secondary markets to provide over \$500 million in federal and state grants, scholarships, and loans to more than 142,000 students annually.



For more information, visit www.dhe.mo.gov or call the MDHE Information Center staff toll free at (800) 473-6757, option 1.

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How is Financial Assistance Awarded?

Student financial assistance programs are a valuable resource to help eligible students access postsecondary education.

Student financial assistance awards are based on financial need, academic achievement, ability, or academic major.

Financial need is calculated with a standard federal formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cost of Attendance} \\ - & \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ \hline = & \text{Financial Need} \end{aligned}$$

Your **cost of attendance**, determined by your school, includes tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, and other education-related expenses.

Your **expected family contribution** is what the federal government expects you and your family should be able to contribute toward your educational expenses.

- Your EFC is calculated when you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Your EFC is **not** the amount you must pay your school.

Some financial assistance programs base awards on academic achievement, abilities (like athletic or artistic talents), or your academic major. Eligibility for each of these programs usually is based on standards set by the school, state agency, or private organization offering the program.

Helpful Tip

You may obtain a PIN from www.pin.ed.gov to allow you to sign the FAFSA electronically. You also may use your PIN to access your information on the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).

Application Procedures

First-Time Students

To apply for most financial assistance, you must complete and submit the FAFSA as instructed to the federal processor. You can obtain a copy from your high school counselor, from a college or university financial aid office, or by calling (800) 4-FED-AID [(800) 433-3243]. You may be able to submit the FAFSA more quickly by completing the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

You should submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1—preferably by February 15. Most schools have an application deadline early in the spring for the upcoming academic year. Check with the school you plan to attend about application deadlines and submission of the FAFSA. **If you complete the FAFSA online, and you do not sign the FAFSA electronically, you must print, sign, and submit your signature page(s) according to the online instructions. Your online FAFSA is not considered to be officially received until the federal processor receives your signature page(s).**

Once your FAFSA is processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail.

Transfer Students

If you received financial assistance at another school, it will not automatically transfer to your new school. If you completed the FAFSA during the current academic year and you decide to transfer, your new school must review your previous financial aid history. Contact your new school about the transfer process.

Renewal Students

If you completed the FAFSA last year and are returning to the same school, contact your school's financial aid office about renewal application procedures. Most returning students who completed a paper FAFSA will receive a renewal FAFSA in the mail. Correct or complete it as necessary and return it as instructed. If you do not receive a renewal FAFSA by February, contact your school's financial aid office. Students who completed the FAFSA online may be able to access a renewal FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Missouri Student Financial Assistance Programs

Missouri provides a variety of financial assistance programs to help students and their families pay for college. The MDHE administers the following state and federal programs.

Charles Gallagher Student Financial Assistance Program

This program provides need-based grants. To be eligible, you must:

- be a full-time undergraduate student at an approved Missouri postsecondary school,
- be working toward your first baccalaureate degree,
- demonstrate financial need,
- maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school,
- be a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and
- not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.

The scholarship may be renewed annually until you have obtained a baccalaureate degree or completed 150 semester credit hours, whichever occurs first. It can be used for no more than 10 semesters.

How much can I receive?

Awards vary depending on the total cost of attendance. To determine your demonstrated financial need, your EFC and estimated Federal Pell Grant award are subtracted from the school's total cost of attendance. Your annual Gallagher award would be the least of:

- your remaining demonstrated financial need,
- one-half of the school's tuition and fees the prior year, or
- \$1,500.

The grant is not available during summer terms.

How can I apply?

Submit the FAFSA (see page 2). To be considered for a Gallagher award, the federal processor must **receive** your completed FAFSA by **April 1** prior to the upcoming academic year.

Missouri Higher Education Academic “Bright Flight” Scholarship Program

This scholarship encourages top-ranking high school seniors to attend college in Missouri. To be eligible, you must:

- have a composite score on the American College Testing Program (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in the top 3 percent of all Missouri students taking those tests,
- be a graduating high school senior (or equivalent) who enrolls as a first-time, full-time student in an approved Missouri postsecondary school,
- be a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and
- not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.

For information about the qualifying ACT or SAT scores, contact your high school counselor or call the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757, option 1, or (573) 751-3940. Only test scores achieved on national test dates or approved special test dates are acceptable. Scores from other tests, such as residual tests administered by colleges, cannot be used. If you took the ACT or SAT as a junior or sophomore, your score will be accepted as long as it is a qualifying score when you are a senior.

Home-schooled students or those who have obtained a certificate of high school equivalence by passing the General Educational Development (GED) examination are eligible for consideration.

You must receive the scholarship during the academic year immediately following your senior year in high school (or when you obtain a certificate of high school equivalence) to maintain eligibility. The scholarship may be renewed annually for up to 10 semesters or until you have completed a baccalaureate degree, whichever occurs first. To renew, you must:

- continually attend school full time (excluding summer terms),
- continually receive the scholarship award at an approved Missouri postsecondary school, and
- maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school.

How much can I receive?

The \$2,000 annual scholarship is distributed in two payments – \$1,000 per semester. The scholarship is not available during summer terms.

How can I apply?

The MDHE will obtain a student's approved Missouri school choice and their ACT or SAT composite scores from the student's ACT or SAT assessment record. Eligible students will receive an approval letter from the MDHE. High schools and postsecondary schools also will be notified. A high school senior must achieve a qualifying composite test score by the scheduled national June ACT or SAT assessment date. A renewal student's eligibility must be renewed each academic year by the school the student plans to attend.

For additional information, check with your high school counselor, student financial aid administrator, or contact the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757, option 1; (573) 751-3940; or www.dhe.mo.gov.

Marguerite Ross Barnett Memorial Scholarship Program

This scholarship was established for students who are employed while attending school part time. To be eligible, you must:

- be enrolled at least half time but less than full time in a participating Missouri postsecondary school,
- be employed and compensated for at least 20 hours per week,
- be at least 18 years old,
- demonstrate financial need,
- maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school,
- be a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and
- not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.

The scholarship may be renewed annually until you have obtained a baccalaureate degree or completed 150 semester credit hours, whichever occurs first.

How much can I receive?

The maximum annual scholarship amount is the least of:

- the actual tuition charged at the school in which you enroll part time,
- the amount of tuition charged an undergraduate Missouri resident enrolled part time in the same class level at the University of Missouri-Columbia, or
- your demonstrated financial need.

5 The scholarship is not available during summer terms.

How can I apply?

Submit a completed scholarship application to the MDHE and FAFSA (see page 2) by **April 1** prior to the upcoming academic year. You can obtain an application from the student financial aid office at the school you plan to attend or by calling the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757, option 1, or (573) 751-3940. You also can access the application online at www.dhe.mo.gov.

Your employer will be required to verify your employment when you apply and again before scholarship funds are delivered to you. Apply early, because this scholarship is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis for non-renewal students.

Public Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant Program

This program provides tuition grants to public safety officers or Missouri Department of Transportation employees engaged in the construction or maintenance of the state's highways, roads, and bridges who were permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty. Dependent children and spouses of public safety officers or Missouri Department of Transportation employees who were permanently and totally disabled or killed in the line of duty also are eligible. You may be eligible if you are:

- enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a participating Missouri postsecondary school,
- less than 24 years old (applies to dependent children only),
- maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school,
- a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and
- not pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.

How much can I receive?

The maximum annual grant amount is the least of:

- the actual tuition charged at the school in which you enroll full time or
- the amount of tuition charged an undergraduate Missouri resident enrolled full time in the same class level and academic major at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

How can I apply?

To obtain an application, call the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757, option 1, or (573) 751-3940. You also can access the application online at www.dhe.mo.gov.

There is no application deadline; however, early submission of the completed application is encouraged.

Vietnam Veteran's Survivor Grant Program

This grant is available to children and spouses of Vietnam veterans whose death was attributed to, or caused by, exposure to toxic chemicals during the Vietnam conflict. To be eligible, you must:

- be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a participating Missouri postsecondary school,
- maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school,
- be a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and
- not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.

You must provide a qualified certification from a Department of Veterans Affairs medical authority to verify that toxic chemical exposure contributed to, or was the cause of, the veteran's death.

The grant may be renewed annually until you have obtained a baccalaureate degree or completed 150 semester credit hours, whichever occurs first.

How much can I receive?

The maximum annual grant amount is the least of:

- the actual tuition charged at the school in which you enroll full time, or
- the average amount of tuition charged an undergraduate Missouri resident enrolled full time in the same class level and academic major at the regional four-year public Missouri institution.

The grant is not available during summer terms.

How can I apply?

To obtain an application, call the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757, option 1, or (573) 751-3940. You also can access the application online at www.dhe.mo.gov.

There is no application deadline; however, early submission of the completed application is encouraged.

Missouri College Guarantee Program

This scholarship is based on financial need as well as high school and college academic achievement.

To be eligible, you must:

- have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale,
- score 20 or higher on the ACT or 950 or higher on the SAT,
- have participated in high school extracurricular activities,
- be enrolled full time in a participating Missouri postsecondary school,
- demonstrate financial need,
- maintain a 2.5 grade point average and complete 24 credit hours during the academic year,
- be a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and
- not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.

How much can I receive?

The maximum scholarship award is based on the fees charged a full-time student at the University of Missouri campus with the largest enrollment and a standard book allowance determined by the MDHE. Other federal and state need-based, non-repayable financial assistance will be considered to determine the final award amount.

How can I apply?

Submit the FAFSA (see page 2), achieve the required ACT or SAT score, and meet the other high school eligibility requirements by **April 1** prior to the upcoming academic year.

Helpful Tip

Contact the student financial aid office at each school in which you are interested to see if the school offers additional financial assistance. Also, many state agencies in Missouri offer special grant, scholarship, and loan programs (see pages 17-18).

Missouri College Guarantee PLUS Program

This scholarship is based on financial need as well as high school and college academic achievement.

To be eligible, you must:

- be participating in one of the Federal TRIO Programs,
- have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale,
- score 20 or higher on the ACT or 950 or higher on the SAT,
- have participated in high school extracurricular activities,
- be enrolled full time in a participating Missouri postsecondary school,
- demonstrate financial need,
- be receiving financial assistance from the Federal Pell Grant and the Missouri College Guarantee Program,
- maintain a 2.5 grade point average and complete 24 credit hours during the academic year,
- be a Missouri resident and a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and
- not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.

How much can I receive?

The maximum scholarship award is based on the fees charged at the University of Missouri campus with the largest enrollment and a standard book allowance determined by the MDHE. Other federal and state need-based, non-repayable financial assistance will be considered to determine the final award amount.

How can I apply?

To receive consideration you must submit the FAFSA (see page 2), achieve the required ACT or SAT score, and meet the other high school eligibility requirements by April 1 prior to the upcoming academic year. Contact the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend for additional application materials.

Midwest Student Exchange Program

This program offers a reduced tuition rate to Missouri residents who enroll in designated academic programs at participating schools in Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and North Dakota.

State and school participation in this program is voluntary, and individual schools designate which academic programs qualify for the reduced tuition rate.

How much can I receive?

The reduced tuition rate is 150 percent of the regular in-state tuition charged at a public institution or a reduction of at least 10 percent of the regular tuition charged at independent institutions.

How can I apply?

Contact the admissions office at the school you are planning to attend to find out:

- whether the school participates in the Midwest Student Exchange Program, and
- whether your academic program qualifies for the reduced tuition rate.

When applying for admission to a participating school, you may need to indicate on the application that you are applying as a Midwest Student Exchange Program student. Special admission requirements may apply, and participating schools may limit the total number of spaces available. Admission and eligibility decisions for this program are made by participating schools.



Federal Family Education Loan Program

The Missouri Department of Higher Education is Missouri's designated guaranty agency that administers the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program on behalf of the U.S.

Department of Education. The FFEL Program includes subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), and Federal Consolidation Loans.

Eligibility for a **subsidized Federal Stafford Loan** is based on financial need as determined by a standard federal formula:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution} \\ - \text{Grants, Scholarships, and Other Assistance} \\ \hline \text{Unmet Financial Need} \end{array}$$

Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans are awarded by your school according to the following formula:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance} \\ - \text{Grants, Scholarships, and Other Assistance} \\ \hline \text{Loan Eligibility} \end{array}$$

Federal PLUS Loans allow parents to borrow non-need-based loans for their dependent students.

Federal law requires that lenders check the credit history of PLUS applicants. Parents may be denied a Federal PLUS Loan due to adverse credit, which is defined as:

- the applicant being 90 or more days delinquent on the repayment of any debt, or
- the applicant being subject to a default, tax lien, write-off of an educational debt, bankruptcy discharge, foreclosure, repossession, or wage garnishment during the previous five years.

In some cases, an applicant may appeal the adverse credit determination.

Helpful Tip

If a parent is denied a Federal PLUS Loan, the student might be eligible for an additional unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan.

A **Federal Consolidation Loan** allows you to combine qualifying outstanding student loans (such as subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Federal PLUS Loans, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students, Auxiliary Loans to Assist Students, Federal Perkins Loans, and Health Profession Student Loans) into one new loan with new terms. Generally, consolidation results in lower monthly payments but increased total debt.

Low Interest Rates

FFEL Program loans are assessed variable interest according to rates that are adjusted annually on July 1. The method for determining the annual adjustment is included on your Master Promissory Note, and the actual rate will appear on the Notice of Loan Guarantee and Disclosure Statement.

Interest Rates
Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan An annual variable rate that cannot exceed 8.25 percent. The federal government will pay the interest on your loan when you are continuously enrolled at least half time, are in your grace period, or have been granted a deferment.
Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan An annual variable rate that cannot exceed 8.25 percent. You are responsible for paying all interest.
Federal PLUS Loan An annual variable rate that cannot exceed 9 percent.
Federal Consolidation Loan A weighted average of the interest rates for the loans being consolidated, rounded up to the nearest 1/8 of 1 percent (not to exceed 8.25 percent).

For the current interest rate for your loan, contact your lender or the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757, option 1, or (573) 751-3940.

Helpful Tip

For subsidized loans, the federal government pays the interest while you are enrolled at least half time in school, during the six-month grace period, and during authorized deferment periods.

Attractive Repayment Options

Once repayment begins, your principal amount and any accrued interest will be placed on a 5- to 10-year repayment schedule, keeping your monthly payment as low as possible but not less than \$50 per month. If you have difficulty making your payments, you may be eligible for deferments, forbearance, consolidation, or an alternative repayment plan.

For **subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans**, payments on principal amounts are deferred as long as you are continuously enrolled at least half time in an eligible school. During this time, you have the option to pay the interest on unsubsidized loans (the federal government pays the interest on subsidized loans) or to allow the interest to accrue and be capitalized, adding the interest to the principal. Once you graduate, withdraw, or drop below half-time attendance, you are allowed a six-month grace period before you are required to make principal payments.

The repayment period for **Federal Consolidation Loans** may last up to 30 years, depending on the amount of the loan.

For more information on repayment plans, contact your loan holder.

Choice of Lenders

For a list of lenders participating in the FFEL Program, contact your school or the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757, option 1, or (573) 751-3940. Or, you can view the list online at www.dhe.mo.gov. You also might want to contact the financial institution with which you or your family does business to determine if the institution participates in the FFEL Program.



Loan Fees

Federal law allows origination and guarantee fees to be charged to student loan borrowers. The origination fee is equal to 3 percent of the loan amount, and the guarantee fee equals 1 percent of the loan amount. The lender will deduct the fees from your original loan amount and disburse the remaining amount to your school.

How much can I receive?

For **subsidized Federal Stafford Loans**, you may borrow up to your financial need (see page 11) or the federal maximum loan limit (see page 15), whichever is less.

For **unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans**, you may borrow the cost of attendance **less any financial assistance** received or the federal maximum loan limit, whichever is less.

For **Federal PLUS Loans**, parents may borrow up to the cost of attendance less the amount of financial assistance received.

In most cases, you will receive your loan in two (or more) disbursements according to a schedule set by your school. The second disbursement occurs after the midpoint of the loan period.

How can I apply?

Submit the FAFSA (see page 2) to determine your EFC so your school can calculate your student loan eligibility. Depending on your school's procedures, you also might need to complete a loan application or other forms. Contact your school's financial aid office to find out what to do next.

Annual Loan Limits for Dependent Students

Borrower's Academic Level	Sub + Unsub
First-Year Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ less than one academic year ■ one academic year 	prorated \$2,625
Second-Year Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ less than one academic year ■ one academic year 	prorated \$3,500
Third-Year and Remaining Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ less than one academic year ■ one academic year 	prorated \$5,500
Graduate/Professional	NA

Annual Loan Limits for Independent Students

Borrower's Academic Level	Base Amount Sub + Unsub	Additional Unsub	Total Sub + Unsub
First-Year Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ less than one academic year ■ one academic year 	\$2,625	\$4,000	prorated \$6,625
Second-Year Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ less than one academic year ■ one academic year 	\$3,500	\$4,000	prorated \$7,500
Third-Year and Remaining Undergraduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ less than one academic year ■ one academic year 	\$5,500	\$5,000	prorated \$10,500
Graduate/Professional*	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$18,500

* Certain Health Education Assistance Loan borrowers may be eligible for additional unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan amounts.

Total Amounts Students Can Borrow

Borrower's Academic Level	Dependent Student Base Amount Sub + Unsub	Additional Unsub	Independent Student Total Sub + Unsub
Undergraduate	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$46,000
Graduate/Professional	\$65,500	\$73,000	\$138,500

Other Missouri Student Financial Assistance Programs

Missouri Saving for Tuition (MO\$T) Program

MO\$T provides incentives to save for college expenses by allowing up to \$8,000 to be deducted annually from an individual's Missouri adjusted gross income. Earnings on the account are exempt from both state and federal taxes if they are used to pay the beneficiary's qualifying educational expenses.

Call (888) 414-MOST or visit the program's web site at www.missourimost.org for more information.

Department of Agriculture

- Agriculture Scholarship Program
(573) 751-5618

Department of Economic Development

Workforce Investment Act

- Employment and Training Program
(800) 877-8698
www.ecodev.state.mo.us

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program
- Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship Program
- Minority Teaching Scholarship Program
(573) 751-1668
www.dese.state.mo.us
- A+ Schools Program
(573) 751-1394
- Veterans' Benefits
(573) 751-3487
- Assistance for students with physical and/or mental disabilities
 - Transitions Program
(573) 751-3251

Department of Health

- Missouri Professional and Practical Nursing Student Loan Program
- Physicians Student Loan Repayment Program
- Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri (PRIMO) Loan Program
- Missouri Nurse Loan Repayment Program
(800) 891-7415

Department of Natural Resources

- Environmental Educational Scholarship Program
(573) 751-2518

Department of Social Services

- Assistance for students who are visually impaired or blind
 - Readers for the Blind Program
(800) 592-6004
www.dss.state.mo.us

National Guard Association

- Missouri Educational Assistance Program
- Missouri National Guard Association Auxiliary Scholarship Program
- Missouri National Guard Assistant Scholarship Program
(573) 638-0623
www.moguard.com

Rural Missouri, Inc.

Workforce Investment Act

- National Farmworker Jobs Program
(800) 234-4971
www.rmiinc.org/financialaid.htm

Federal law provides several tax incentives to help students and families pay for college:

- **Hope Scholarship Tax Credit**
- **Lifetime Learning Tax Credit**
- **Student Loan Interest Deduction**
- **Education IRA**

Visit www.ed.gov/studentaid for more information.

Other Federal Student Financial Assistance Programs

Postsecondary schools administer the following federal programs:

- **Federal Pell Grant Program**
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program**
- **Federal Work-Study Program**
- **Federal Perkins Loan Program**

To apply for these programs, you must submit the FAFSA (see page 2). For more information, contact your school's financial aid office or the U.S. Department of Education at (800) 4-FED-AID [(800) 433-3243] or www.ed.gov/studentaid.

Your school may participate in the **William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program** rather than the Federal Family Education Loan Program. To apply, you must submit the FAFSA (see page 2). Contact your school's financial aid office to find out whether your school participates in either of the loan programs.



Glossary

Deferment – A postponement of payments or eligibility

Dependent Student – A student who does NOT meet any of the following criteria:

- Is at least 24 years old by December 31 of the academic year
- Is a graduate or professional student
- Is a married person
- Has legal dependents other than a spouse
- Is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Is an orphan or ward of the court

Forbearance – Permission to postpone or reduce payments

Grace Period – A period of time after a borrower graduates or stops attending school at least half time during which the borrower does not have to make principal payments on a loan

Grant – Financial assistance that does not have to be repaid

Guarantee Agency/Guarantor – An organization that administers the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education. If a borrower defaults on a FFEL Program loan, the guaranty agency buys the loan from the loan holder and collects it from the borrower. The MDHE is Missouri's designated guaranty agency.

Independent Student – A student who meets one of the following criteria:

- Is at least 24 years old by December 31 of the academic year
- Is a graduate or professional student
- Is a married person
- Has legal dependents other than a spouse
- Is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Is an orphan or ward of the court

Interest – The cost of borrowing money

Loan – Borrowed money that must be repaid, with interest

Loan Consolidation – The combining of multiple student loans into one new loan, usually resulting in lower monthly payments but higher total interest costs

Loan Holder – A lender or secondary market that purchases a student loan and has the right to collect from the borrower

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Loan Period – The student's enrollment period for which the postsecondary institution approves a student loan to pay educational expenses

Scholarship – Financial assistance that usually is based on merit or ability and that does not have to be repaid

Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan – Need-based loan program for which the federal government pays the interest to the lender on the student's behalf while the student is enrolled at least half time, during the grace period, and during periods of authorized deferment

Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan – A non-need-based loan for which the federal government does not pay any of the accrued interest on behalf of the student. Interest begins to accrue on the loan as soon as it is disbursed, and the student may choose to pay the interest as it accrues or defer it as long as he or she remains enrolled at least half time in an eligible school.





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The Missouri Department of Higher Education administers a variety of federal and state grant, scholarship, and loan programs.

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The Missouri Department of Higher Education makes every effort to provide program accessibility to all citizens without regard to disability. If you require this publication in an alternate form, contact the MDHE Information Center at (800) 473-6757 or (573) 751-3940. Hearing/speech impaired citizens may call (800) 735-2966.